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Posters, flyers cause eyesore, fire hazard

Cindy Williams
ALMAGEST

Eyesores, fire hazards, and potential accidents are cluttering the halls of LSUS.

A large number of bulletins being placed in campus buildings are not authorized to be there. School organizations, individual students and teachers, and many local businesses are not complying with campus bulletin board policy.

Illegally posted notices have been a constant bother to Gloria Raines, vice chancellor of student affairs for the university.

"The flyers in the stairwells are against the fire codes," Raines said. "In addition, someone could fall and slip down the stairs if the flyers fell on the floor."

Raines said students do best to use the bulletin boards on campus for announcements.

However the boards are limited to academic displays, student organizations' advertisements of their activities, and university announcements. That leaves bars and student enterprise ads out in the cold.

"The bulletin boards in the classroom are not for local bars, credit card applications, and job ads," Raines said.

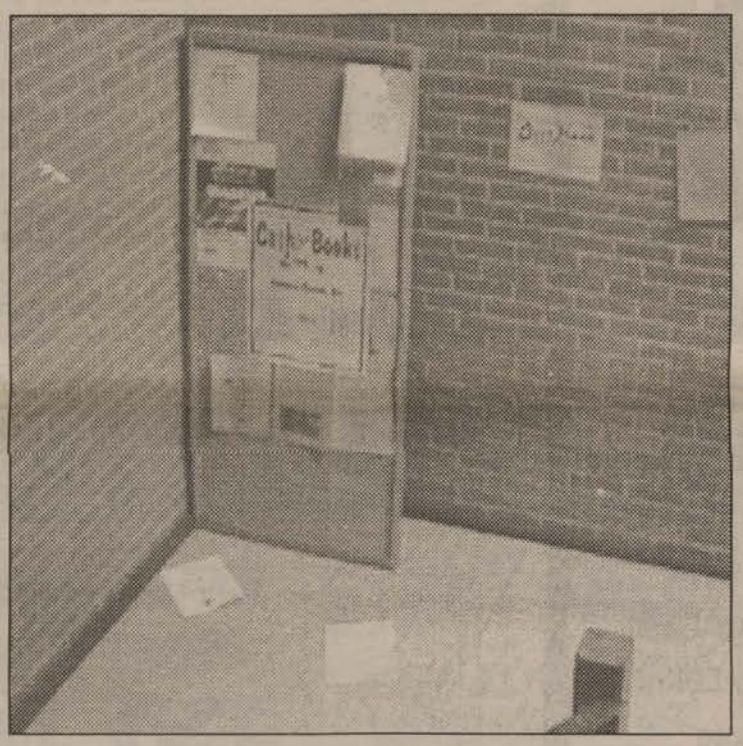
Specific notices concerning employment and scholarships are posted on the second floor of the Administration Building.

Raines suggested that local businesses could sponsor school organizations or buy some space in the paper, if they want ads on campus.

Raines said it is up to people on campus to pu an end to problems like this.

"Every so often, the abuse of the bulletin boards becomes a problem on campus; as a result, the student and faculty community needs to pull together to clean up the campus, by taking down these unauthorized bulletins," Raines said

Additional reporting by Kirk Dickey



Bulletin Boards Rules

■ Bulletin boards are provided for the use of approved LSUS organizations, individual students and faculty members wishing to post notices of interest to the university community.

■ Each organization shall be responsible for posting and removing its own notices.

■ Notices shall be limited to one week in advance of the ativity being announced and shall be removed on the next school day following the activity.

■ Notices should be neatly affixed to regular bulletin boards.

■ Posters or notices should not be affixed to walls, doors or exterior approaches to the building.

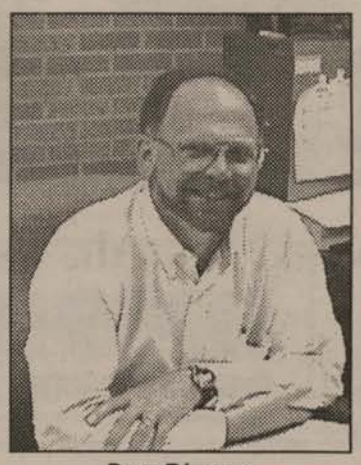
■ Improperly posted notices will be removed.

Staff Senate looks to improve, expand

Brian Rogers
ALMAGEST

"I want to challenge every senator to bring at least one more member each to the next staff senate, April 14, 1999." Staff senate co-founder Don Bloxom, assistant director of the physical plant, said after he was appointed to the senate on March 10, 1999, to fill a vacancy. Before this appointment, Bloxom had not been on the staff senate since 1996.

Bloxom also made several motions during the course of the meeting. "We need to raise awareness on campus that the staff senate's mission is support for the staff," he said. Bloxom then made a motion to draft a memo to Chancellor Vincent Marsala to ask him to officially address the senate either personally, or through a representative.



Don Bloxom

Bloxom then made a motion to enact a temporary committee to revisit the cost vs. the benefits of the staff person of the month policy. The motion carried, and Bloxom, Senator Cleatta Morris, secretary of the English department, and Staff Senate President Carla Clarke, library associate, volunteered for the committee.

Morris updated the staff senate on the progress of the uncompleted official web page. Morris also made a point of order that the staff senate newsletter would be an off-shoot of the web page, which is important to the staff without regular Internet access.

> "I want to challenge every Senator to bring at least one more member to the next staff senate, April 14,1999."

Staff Senate President Carla Clark also urged the senators to attend the V-day volunteer event on March 20, 1999. She said she was planning on e-mailing the rest of the staff also.

The staff senate approved the dates of May 6, 1999 for the spring luncheon and April 12, 1999 for the chancellor's reception which also includes the faculty senate and the student government association.

The staff senate meets on the second Wednesday of every month in the Desoto Room in the University Center.

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Times Spelling Bee a treat for audience, kids

Kirk Dickey
Almagest

About 200 parents, teachers, and students filed into the UC Theater last Saturday, to see 32 area elementary and middle school children compete in the 1999 Annual Times Regional Spelling Bee.

The students sat on stage, patiently waiting their turn to spell words like "hew," "concoct," and "gigahertz."

They had all won a place in the contest through competitions or selection committees at their schools.

And from the look of the crowd, some were pretty good spellers. Some people

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in the crowd (mostly parents) could be seen mouthing the incorerct letters to the words the children were spelling with ease.

All told, it took about seven rounds to reach the final two contestants.

Callie Jamar of Youree Drive Middle School, and Elisabeth Nichols of Lakeview Junior High battled back and forth for 16 words before the judges declared a winner.

Nichols misspelled "insurgents." It was a simple but costly error - replacing the "-ents" with "-ence." Nichols had to look on as Jamar spelled the word "eloquence." to win the Bee.

Jamar nearly jumped out of her seat when she was told she won.

"I didn't expect to win," Jamar said after the contest. She said there were words in the contest she had never heard before.

Jamar will now go on to the national Scripps Howard competition in Washington D.C..

Sandra Stepongzi from Princeton Middle School took third in the Bee.

Organizers said this year's crowd was bigger than the last's. They were also pleased with the way the students conducted themselves.

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BH goes batty

Brian Rogers
Almagest

Another Monday here at LSUS saw an unusual visitor to the third floor of Bronson Hall. Don Bloxom, assistant director of the physical plant, received a call from secretary Carol Prince who said, "I think it's a bat." Prince, a secretary on the third floor, was surprised to be greeted by an upside down visitor above the door to her office. A bat on the ceiling can really spice up a Monday morning.

Bats, which are usually nocturnal and known to carry rabies, are, like students, seldom seen at 8:00 AM in Bronson Hall.

Bloxom called Dr. Laurence Hardy, of the Life Sciences Museum here on campus, and asked for his assistance. Bloxom also called the campus police.

Hardy is the ornithologist who performed the autopsy on Henrietta the campus chicken last year.

The campus police redirected a 9:00 AM class, and Bloxom had a nearby bell taken down so they wouldn't disturb the resting bat.

Hardy caught the bat a little after nine. Neither Hardy or the bat were available for comment.

In his years at LSUS, Bloxom has had to deal with snakes, cats, opossums, chickens and many other birds. He said that they never kill any of the animals they have to catch. "I like the chickens." he said, "They give the campus some personality."

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The Almagest reserves the right to edit letters.

Staff senate discusses drug testing, call boxes

Brian Rogers
ALMAGEST

"I will volunteer myself to be drug tested if any staff member has to submit to it," said Michael T Ferrell, vice chancellor in charge of business affairs.

Ferrell spoke to the staff senate on March 10, 1999 about Louisiana's new legislation for all government agencies which requires random drug screening and pre-employment drug screening for employees who drive or operate heavy machinery. Supervisors of such employees will also be screened.

"Heavy machinery" includes lawn mowers, golf carts and floor buffers. There are currently 52 employees at LSUS who will be screenable, most employed by the physical plant.

The state will also be allowed to drug-test these employees if they are involved in accidents on the job.

Ferrell also spoke to the staff senate about eight call boxes being added to campus parking lots in the foreseeable future. Ferrell said that the federal government will be paying 75 percent of the $24,000 project. The call boxes will be wired directly to the central radio that campus police use because each officer carries a receiver. The call boxes will, of course, be for emergency use only. Officers are able to help those stranded in the parking lots by jumping dead car batteries. Officers are not allowed by law to open locked cars.

Other projects slated for the future are:

• The state re-roofing of the BE building. State inspections have determined the need for a new roof. The estimated price for a new roof is $400,000, which is shouldered by a special needs department in Baton Rouge.

• The replacing of carpet in the BE building and Bronson Hall. Plans for replacing some of the original carpeting (circa mid-seventies) will be structured around available monies.

• The perennially debated library parking lot. The current timetable for the parking lot puts the starting date six months to a year away. The lot will be approximately three-fourths the size of the Bronson Hall parking lot. There will be a circular driveway to allow people to pick up and drop off near the library. The estimated cost is around $400,000. The drainage work under parking lot alone will cost about $100,000.

Ferrell said in an interview that the new ramped sidewalk in front of BE was completed at a cost of only around $500 because the contractor working on the drainage unexpectedly destroyed the old stepped sidewalk. LSUS did not have to pay for the extra labor or the concrete.

ALL THE LSUS PEOPLE

By Genna Angyles
ALMAGEST

Name: Kenna Franklin
Job Title: Professor of Sociology
Place of Birth: Baton Rouge
Currently Lives In: Shreveport

Franklin graduated from Grambling in 1981 majoring in social work and criminal justice. She attended University of Michigan and received her master's degree in 1982. She is currently enrolled in Tulane where she will get her doctorate in social works.

To her, LSUS is a safe place in the community for students to learn who they are and what they want to know. Away from school, she spends time with her husband and two daughters.

Kenna Franklin

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- Golden Z
- Health & P.E. Club
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Things brighten up in science building

Cindy Williams
ALMAGEST

Light fixtures have been repaired and new fixtures were installed around the science building this month.

There were some areas in the back of the science building and around the science lecture auditorium that were unsafe at night because of insufficient lighting. Joanne Stanton, physical plant supervisor, said that they received a letter from the SAB requesting that the physical plant would correct the problem of lighting around the science building. The Student Activity Board (SAB) was pleased with the quick response by the physical plant.

Stanton said, "We installed a light on one of the cooling towers that would illuminate the back of the science building and replace lights around the overhangs of the science buildings." There is a light on one of the other cooling towers for the science building already; however, the trees have grown in the way, blocking the light. The physical plant was already repairing some of the problems of lighting on the science building before they received the letter from SAB, Stanton said.

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Refreshments will be available and are welcome to come. Doors open at 7 p.m. and seating is open. Kilpatrick Auditorium is located at the corner of Woodlawn and Kings Highway.

Go out and support an important cause.

New initiates enter LSUS Phi Kappa Phi

G.K. Trusty, Jr.
ALMAGEST

The LSUS Chapter of the Honor of Phi Kappa Phi held its Spring initiation ceremony on February 5. Eighteen undergraduate students, four graduate students and four faculty members were iniated.

The primary objective of the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is the recognition and encouragement of superior scholarship in all academic disciplines. The society is convinced that recognizing and honoring those persons of good character who have excelled in scholarship, in whatever field, will stimulate others to strive for excellence.

The invited speaker for the initiation ceremony was Dr. John Simon, Professor of History at Southern Illinois University, who was in Shreveport to deliver the Annual Frank and Virginia Williams' Abraham Lincoln Lecture at the LSUS American Studies Lincoln Conference.

The list of the initiates included:

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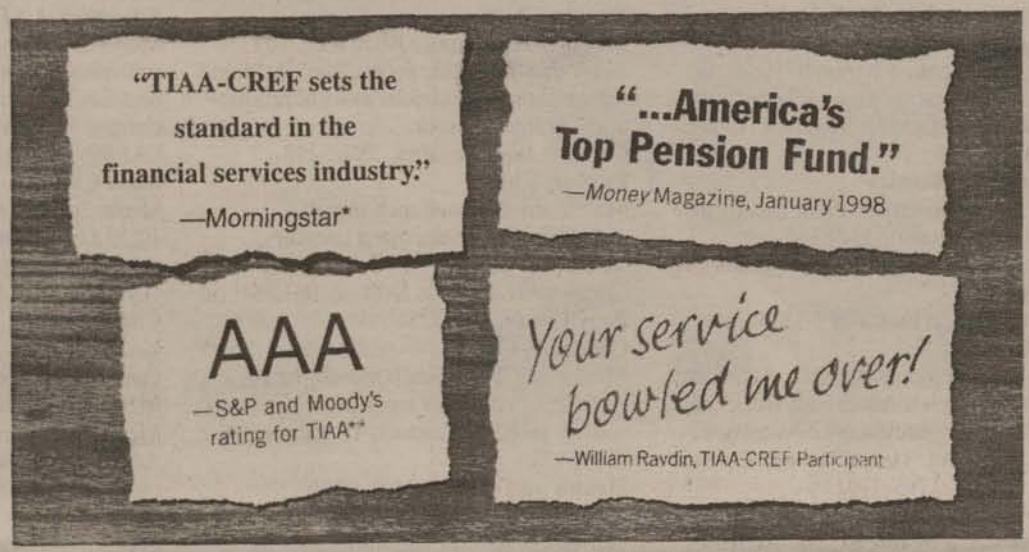
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Meets: 3rd Wed. of each month, Noon, BE216
Activities: Speakers, Networking, Scholarships, Volunteer Tax Assistance, Campus Activities
Contact: Accounting dept., college of business

ACJS/Lambda Alpha Epsilon
Meets: 1st and 3rd Tues of each month.
Activities: Various community activities, speakers on law enforcement ops.
Contact: Dr. Bernadette Palombo 797-5343, or Richard Georgia 797-5078.

ACM, Association for Computing Machinery
Meets: 3rd Thu of each month, 10:30, in SC210. Activities: speakers, contests, social activities. Contact: Steve Noonan, 949-2831

AITP, Association of Information and Technical Professionals
Meets: 3rd Thu of each month, 10:30, in SC120. Activities: speakers, scholarships, social activities. Contact: Rebecca Herzog 861-6460

American Humanics
Meets: First Thursday of every month, at 10:30 a.m. in Bronson Hall 355.
Activities: Certification of students working in non-profits.
Contact: Norman Dolch 797-5235

Bacchus
Meets: Twice a month, BE 211. Activities: Sponsor of "Alchol Awareness Week" and "National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week"; Mocktail "Happy" Hours. Contact: Jennifer Medina 795-3391

Biology Club
Meets: Twice a month, SC228. Activities: social activities, career seminars, fundraisers, community and campus service projects. Contact: Dr. Beverly Burden, 797-5088, bbrden@pilot.lsus.edu

Campus Ministry
Meets: 1st and 3rd Tues., 10:30 a.m., UC Pilots Room
Activities: devotionals, programs, service projects
Contact: Toni Bishop, 798-8837 or Betsy Eaves, 869-5024

Catholic Student Union
Meets: Twice a month
Activities: Community service, social events, fundraisers
Contact: Joseph Holubek 868-6104

Chemistry Club
Meets: 1st Thurs.of each month
Activities: group
Contact: Dr. Gustavson, 797-5091

Colleagues
Meets: twice a month, TBA Activities: community service, social activities, campus service projects, raising funds for a minority scholarship. Contact DeWayne Petterway at 631-9391 or 635-5686

Drama Club
Meets: Tues., Thurs., 10:30 a.m., BH330
Activities: Dramatic production, first hand information on auditions in local productions, volunteer work
Contact: Jorgi Jarzabek, 797-5228

English Club
Meets: 3rd Thurs.of each month
Activities: Booksale, guest speakers, social activities
Contact: Dr. Thomas Dubose, BH 251, or Patty Lenox, 869-3251

Golden Z Club
Meets: 2nd Tue of each month, 10:30.
Activities: volunteer work, tutoring, community projects. Contact: Timothy Chia, 795-3372

Health and Physical Ed. Club
Meets: Tues, Thurs. 10:30 a.m.
Activities: Almost Anything Goes for LSUS, judge field days for elementary schools.
Contact: Maxie Foster, 797-7294

History Club
Meets: First Tuesday of each month, at 10:30 a.m. in BH 446.
Activities: Annual LSUS History Fair, Pioneer Heritage Center, Trips in the Field, Research Seminars, and History Stuff.
Contact Dr. Milton Finley, 797-5337 or Gary Joiner 797-4176.

International Club
Meets: 1st Thurs.of each month, 10:30 a.m., in BH236 (Foreign Language Multimedia Lab)
Activities: Guest speakers, films, travel and foreign exchange information, International Food Festival, community service.
Contact: Joe Patrick, 797-5390

Japanese Cultural Society
Meets:2nd and 4th Tues of each month
Activities: demonstrations, discussions
Contact: Emi Wamsley, 861-7482, BH238, BH240

Louisiana Association of Educators, LAESP
Meets: 3rd Thurs. of each month
Activities: Student teacher tea, speakers, bookfair, workshops, and service projects
Contact: Melissa Jones, 746-0597, or LAESP@yahoo.com

Math Club
Meets: 2nd and 4th Tues. of each month, 10:30 a.m., BH 421
Activities: Group activities, Science Olympiad, Viro-Wars Tournament
Contact: Julien Doucet, 797-5331 jdoucet@pilot.lsus.edu or David Fletcher, Dave228@yahoo.com

MBA Association
Meets: Once a month
Activities: seminars with guest speakers on career planning and resume writing, social activities
Contact: Director of Graduate Studies, College of Business

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
Activities: It is an inter-faith, interracial, non-partism, social action group.
Contact: Angela Holmes at Email: Aholmes@studentmail.lsus.edu.

Psychology Club
Meets: 1st and 3rd Thurs. Monthly, 10:30, BE342
Activities: Community service, social events, speakers, fundraisers
Contact: Diane at 797-0015 or Dr. Jimmie Smith at 797-5048

Public Relations Student Society of America
Meets: Monthly, Thurs., 10:30a.m.
Activities: Volunteer work, contact with PRSA, seminars, speakers, workshops
Contact: Jaime Lyons

Rotorac
Meets: Two meetings per month
Activities: Students service organization, one service project per semester, luncheons
Contact: Dr. Paul Merkle, 797-5240

Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi
Meets: TBA
Activities: guest speakers on topics of the field related to journalism, socials
Contact: Lindsey Fertitta, 797-5328

Society for Resource Management
Meets: BE104. Activities: speaker meetings, prof. Chapter Meetings, various activities.
Contact: Eric Gates, 797-9798

Students for Free Enterprise (SIFE)
Meets: Thu, 10:30,. Activities: Teaching Junior achievement .
Contact: Dr. Chadwick 742-9357

Sociology/Social Work Club
Meets: BH361
Contact: Ms. Kenna Franklin or David O'Neal, 424-7332

Student Government Association
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CAMPUS CALENDAR

March:

19th & 20th — Pilots' Baseball: Northwood University at 2 p.m. (1 p.m. on 3/20) (home)

21st & 22nd — Pilots' Baseball: Southwest Adventist at 1 p.m. (home)

3rd — Love Alive Concert, 10:30 a.m. in the U.C. Lobby

27th — Kids Korner: Easter Egg Hunt at 1 p.m. in the U.C. Mall

April:

8th — Hawaiian Luau at 7:30 p.m. in the U.C. Lobby